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In re Patent Application of

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For:

ULTRASONIC VIBRATION APPARATUS USE AS A SENSOR HAVING A

PIEZOELECTRIC ELEMENT MOUNTED IN A CYLINDRICAL CASING AND

GROOVES FILLED WITH FLEXIBLE FILLER (As Amended)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT/SUBMISSION

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed June 15, 2001 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

____ If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

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CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. §1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

AMENDMENTS

X If checked, amendment(s) to the specification and/or claims are submitted herewith.

1. ___ If checked, an abstract is submitted as the last page of Appendix A.

2. Specification:

Please delete the title at page 1, line 1 and replace such title pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(ii) with the "clean" version attached hereto as Appendix A. Entry is respectfully requested. A version with markings to show the changes made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(iii) is attached hereto as Appendix B.

3. Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-7 without prejudice.

Please add new claims 8-21 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(i) as set forth in the "clean" version attached hereto as Appendix A. Entry is respectfully requested. A version with markings to show the changes made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(ii) is attached hereto as Appendix B.

____ If checked, the optional complete set of "clean" claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(3) is attached hereto as Appendix C.